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NATIVE LANDS AND NATIVE-LAND TENURE:

INTERIM REPORT OF NATIVE LAND COMMISSION, ON NATIVE LANDS IN THE COUNTY OF
TAURANGA.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

Native Land Commission, Rotorua, 11th June, 1908.

To His Excellency the Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We have the honour to submit a further report on Native lands in the Tauranga County. The Maoris in this county are divided into three parties—those residing in the southern part of the county, whose lands have already been dealt with by us in an interim report dated the 28th March, 1908; those in the central part; and those in the northern part. This report deals with the lands of the Maoris in the central part. The area we propose to deal with in this report is 42,970 acres 3 roods 28 poles. The land in the northern part of the county will be reported on when we have met the Maoris interested, who are connected with the Ngatihaua Maoris resident in or near Waharoa.

The bulk of the lands in the Tauranga County (central portion) were confiscated, and the lands now owned by the Maoris were handed back to them for their sustenance and support. There are 2,040 Maoris in the county, and 1,999 Europeans. When the lands in the northern part are dealt with it will be found that the area of land left to the Maoris for their own occupation, and leased to Europeans, will not amount to 90,000 acres, or less than 45 acres each. The area possessed by Europeans per head will be at least three times as great as that left to the Maoris. The Maoris on the whole seem active and energetic. Most of the county work and of the farm labour of the Europeans is done by the Maoris, and but for this supply of Maori labour it would be impossible to carry on farming. The Maoris are also employed in agriculture for themselves, and produce maize, wheat, oats, and root-crops. They have been successful also in dairying, and have on one block of land four hundred milking-cows. There is, however, little attempt to carry on farming on individualistic lines, and the incorporation system has not yet been tried. They have, however, come to amicable arrangements amongst themselves, so that there is some security of title to the occupants. This, however, is a county in which there is need of guidance by some agricultural expert, so that the undeniable advantages of climate and soil might be better utilised. A small experimental fruit-farm has been started by the Agricultural Department of the Government on 60 acres of land two miles from the Borough of Tauranga. It has not yet been two years in operation, but already the results are surprising. Lemons, peaches, apricots, nectarines, plums, apples,

pears, &c., and all kinds of vegetables grow well. The head of the department (Mr. Palmer) informs us that this farm far excels Waerenga and Moumahaki in productiveness. The Maoris have not yet paid any attention to fruit or garden culture, and it appears to us that some of their young lads might be trained at this farm. We would recommend that from time to time six cadets be employed say for two years, and be paid a small wage. This would train them in the art of fruit or garden culture. That the Maoris make excellent workers in this kind of industry has been proved in the Rotorua County.

Both Europeans and Maoris need to have their attention directed to the possibilities of the Tauranga County. We found various kinds of produce imported into Tauranga that could be better raised in Tauranga than in any other part of New Zealand. Potatoes are being imported from Australia and the South Island, and garden vegetables from Auckland.

Until a proper agricultural expert is appointed to teach the Maoris, might not the Stock Inspector try and arouse the farmers, both European and Maori, to the need of better developing their district?

Our recommendations appear in the schedules, and may be summarised as follows :—

	A.	R.	P.
1. Land leased	1,444	0	0
2. Reserved for Maori occupation	26,037	1	36
3. Land to be dealt with under Part I of the Act for general settlement,—			
For leasing	9,452	1	8
For sale	6,037	0	24
Total	42,970	3	28

We have the honour to be,
Your Excellency's obedient and humble servants,
ROBERT STOUT,
A. T. NGATA,
Commissioners.

SCHEDULES.

TAURANGA COUNTY.

SCHEDULE I.

Lands under Lease or under Negotiation for Lease.

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.	Remarks.
		A. R. P.	
Hikutawatawa	15	1,092 0 0	
Karamuramu	15	300 0 0	
Parish of Te Papa, Lot 116A	..	52 0 0	
Total	..	1,444 0 0	

SCHEDULE 2.

Lands recommended to be reserved for Maori Occupation under Part II of "The Native Land Settlement Act, 1907."

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.	Remarks.
<i>A. Papakaingas, Burial Reserves, Landing-places, and Family Farms.</i>			
Ahiroa, Te	45	A. R. P. 496 0 0	Timber to be sold.
Hungahungatoroa 1	12	47 2 0	Occupied; cultivated.
" 2	16	10 0 0	" "
" 3	12	5 0 0	" "
Hairini No. 1	35	48 0 10	Occupied and all improved; cultivated.
" No. 1A	35	56 2 10	
" No. 1B	35	9 0 17	
" No. 2A	9	3 0 0	
" No. 2B	12	4 0 31	
" No. 2C	9	3 0 36	
" No. 3	29	40 0 0	
" No. 4	71	11 0 6	
" No. 5	6	40 0 0	Occupied; settlement and cultivations.
Kaimai 1B	3	184 0 0	
Kaitimako 1	53	472 0 0	
" 2	37	138 0 0	
" 3	36	125 0 0	
Kikoheke	9	4 0 0	
Maungatapu No. 1	141	391 1 17	
" No. 2	114	8 0 10	
Matapihi 1A 1	22	21 3 5	Kaingas and cultivations; maize, wheat, oats.
" 1A 2	3	4 3 23	
" 1A 3	74	115 1 2	
" 1B	23	25 0 0	
" 2	11	1 2 13	Timber to be sold.
Motuotau No. 2	2	1 0 23	
Moukunu	21	221 0 0	
Matapihi 3A 1	3	3 0 31	
" 3A 2	132	137 2 9	Kaingas; cultivations; maize, wheat, oats.
" 3B	19	5 3 24	
" 3C	36	12 1 0	Timber to be sold.
Motungaio	30	234 0 0	
Mangatawa 1	9	25 0 0	Kaingas; farms; cultivations; maize, oats, wheat.
" 2	10	55 1 0	
" 3	34	124 1 0	
" 4	39	298 2 0	
" 5	4	4 0 0	
" 6	30	56 0 0	
" 7	13	197 0 0	
" 8	26	313 1 0	
" 9	7	133 1 0	
" 10	2	44 0 0	
" 11	1	44 0 0	
Mimihanui	5	8 3 0	Kainga.
Mahiwahine	5	14 1 0	"
Matariki	15	5 0 0	"
Ngapeke 1A	5	12 2 10	Kaingas; farms; cultivations; maize, oats, wheat, and small dairy farms.
" 1B	5	37 2 30	
" 1C	2	25 0 20	
" 1D	1	12 2 10	
" 1E	2	46 0 10	
" 1F	5	60 2 35	
" 1G	3	34 2 7	
" 1H	3	25 0 20	
" 1J	6	59 2 27	
" 1K	1	37 2 30	
" 1L	43	156 0 28	
" 1M	10	25 0 20	
" 2	4	1 0 0	
" 3	9	142 2 2	
" 4	25	395 2 7	
" 5	29	395 0 39	
Okahu	2	14 1 0	
Ongaonga No. 1	94	1,333 0 0	

SCHEDULE 2.—*Lands recommended to be reserved for Maori Occupation, &c.*—continued.

Name of Block.				Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
A.—Papakaingas, Burial Reserves, Landing-places, and Family Farms—continued.								
					A.	R.	P.	
Oruamatua 1	..	..	..	2	9	0	1	
" 2	..	..	..	13	51	2	0	
" 3	..	..	..	5	19	2	0	
Otuawahia 1	..	..	..	1	4	3	33	
" 2	..	..	..	1	2	1	22	
" 3	..	..	..	14	21	0	16	
" 4	..	..	..	2	7	0	6	
Oropi No. 2	..	..	..	128	600	0	0	Partly improved ; timber to be sold.
Ohuki 1	..	..	..	20	148	1	8	Occupied ; cultivating maize, oats, and wheat.
" 2	..	..	..	15	75	2	24	
" 3	..	..	..	8	4	0	0	
Otumoko	..	..	..	24	29	1	16	
Otauna	..	..	..	34	202	0	0	Timber to be sold.
Omanu	..	..	..	6	402	3	0	
Onepu	..	..	..	4	6	0	0	
Otawa and Waitaha 1B 1	..	..	..	2	128	2	26	
" 1B 2	..	..	..	2	128	2	26	
" 1B 3	..	..	..	3	128	2	26	
Otawa 1c	..	..	..	26	800	0	0	Timber to be sold ; subject to 50 acres bush reserve.
" 2	..	..	..	87	1,580	0	0	Timber to be sold ; subject to 100 acres bush reserve
Parish of Te Papa, Lot 452				..	42	0	0	
"	"	80	..	..	57	0	0	
"	"	116B	..	..	33	0	0	
"	"	446	..	85	322	0	0	
Papamoa 2, Section 1				15	731	0	23	
"	"	2B 1	..	1	102	2	0	Occupied ; Papamoa Settlement. Dairy farms, milking 400 cows ; creamery on block ; also cultivating maize, wheat, and oats.
"	"	2B 2	..	1	68	1	13	
"	"	2B 3	..	9	362	2	26	
"	"	4A	..	2	12	0	25	
"	"	4B	..	3	255	0	26	
"	"	5	..	4	459	2	32	
"	"	6A	..	1	25	0	34	
"	"	6B	..	8	100	3	16	
"	"	7	..	9	460	0	0	
"	"	8	..	4	100	0	0	
"	"	10	..	12	369	0	0	
"	"	11	..	14	460	0	0	
"	"	3A	..	1	85	0	0	
"	"	3B	..	1	85	0	0	
"	"	3C	..	1	85	0	0	
"	"	3D	..	2	170	0	0	
"	"	9	..	2	276	0	0	
"	No. 3	..	..	4	480	0	0	
Poike 1	..	..	..	4				
" 2	..	..	..	5				
" 3	..	..	..	8	431	1	16	
" 4	..	..	..	13				
" 5	..	..	..	24				
" 6	..	..	..	24				
Ranginui	..	..	..	153	311	3	8	
Rua-o-korotanga	..	..	..	2	5	3	37	
Taumata 1B	..	..	..	2	382	0	0	Timber to be sold. Owners have very little land elsewhere.
" 2B	..	..	..	15	331	0	0	
" 3B West	..	..	..	26	2,470	0	0	
Tuhua (or Mayor Island)	..	..	..	123	3,154	0	0	Number of owners making new homes on island ; great sentimental value.
Tumatanui	..	..	..	14	55	1	30	
Tongaparaoa 1	..	..	..	19	35	1	9	
" 2A	..	..	..	7	11	1	2	
" 2B	..	..	..	14	16	0	14	
" 2D	..	..	..	8	0	0	33	
" 3	..	..	..	8	29	0	0	
Tauranga	..	..	..	37	64	0	0	
Tapuaeotu	..	..	..	6	51	0	0	

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Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.	Remarks.
<i>A. Papakaingas, Burial Reserves, Landing-places, and Family Farms—continued.</i>			
Tutaetaka	19	A. R. P. 3 0 0	Cemetery.
Tirohanga	35	142 0 0	
Umuhapuku 1	153	593 0 0	
" 2	31	48 1 0	
Waimanu 1A	39	100 0 0	Timber to be sold.
Wharawhara 1	30	293 0 0	
" 2	9	26 0 0	
Whareroa No. 2 (part)	58	580 0 0	Occupied. Cultivations; maize, wheat, oats.
Waoku No. 3	54	500 0 0	Timber to be sold.
Weraroa No. 1	49	100 0 0	"
" No. 2	1	82 0 0	"
" No. 3	12	20 0 0	
Waitaia No. 1	7	22 0 0	
" No. 2	4	3 2 0	Cemetery.
Irihanga No. 2A	48	5 0 0	Landing-reserve.
Total	..	26,037 1 37	

SCHEDULE 3.

Lands recommended for General Settlement under Part I of "The Native Land Settlement Act, 1907."

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.	Remarks.
<i>A. For Lease.</i>			
Irihanga No. 2	48	A. R. P. 339 0 0	
Ohauti No. 1	26	643 0 0	
Paengaroa No. 2	53	2,890 0 0	Milling-timber on block. Partly in Rotorua County.
Pukemapu	4	79 2 8	
Ruakaka	13	208 0 0	
Tauwharawhara	..	2,268 0 0	
Tahawai Parish, Lot 21	..	54 0 0	
Waimanu D	34	1,203 3 26	
" E	2	70 3 14	
" F	34	421 0 36	
" G	2	24 3 4	
" 2A	36	450 0 0	
" 2B	10	800 0 0	
" 2C	50		
Total	..	9,452 1 8	
<i>B. For Sale.</i>			
Katikati Survey District, Block 8, Section 73	..	A. R. P. 197 1 0	Adjoins forest reserve.
Poripori 1c	63	2,554 1 0	{ A number of owners object to sale, and wish to retain their interests for Maori occupation.
" 2A	48	2,376 0 0	
Tongaparaoa 2c	6	9 2 24	
Waimanu 1B	39	300 0 0	Money required for improvements and stock.
Whareroa No. 2 (part)	58	600 0 0	Location to be pointed out by Hori Ngatai on block. Money required for improvements and stock.
Total	..	6,037 0 24	

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